HOLY WEEK IN HAVANA

THE SEASON OF SACKCLOTH AND ASHES AS OBSERVED BY CUBANS.

Peculiarities of Lent. Palm Sunday Good Friday and Easter-The Empty Tomb of Columbus.

Special Correspondence of the Journal. HAVANA, April 3.-Lent in Cuba bears little resemblance to the penitential season in the United States and northern Europe, and though the people are exceedingly deseems to be well nigh shorn of its felt it a wholly disjointed and unnatural proceeding to drive to midnight mass on Christmas eve through air as balmy as New England June, flower scented and murmurous with a gentle sea breeze playing amid the feathery foliage of the palms. And how much more unreal at Easter, with the thermometer skylarking toward the nineties. ing mountains of waxen candles, priceless laces and frost work embroideries on cobweb pina embowered in strange exotic blooms; and the congregation of men in cool Latin, both in the sanctuary and organ with neither wraps nor bonnets but the lace mantilla, completed one's bewilderment.

Even a protracted lenten fast could not be very severe in this tropical isle of always the elevation of the host, there is a tap simple living, pure air and lavish fruits, upon the drum. Swords flash out and the If one chooses to deny himself the morning coffee or chocolate, which is served with immediately on rising, there are sweet, juicy, incomparable oranges to slake one's thirst, while a golden Cuban banana contains nourishment enough for a full meal. Depend upon it, the old monks we read about, who lived on figs, raisins and go without butter or the imported compound wagon grease and soap fat is savory in comto atone for some grievous sin he might may not be enlightened charity in every perhaps shut his eyes to the small black dots that are sprinkled through the excellent roll allowed with his morning coffee and let saw a lovelier interior than the most stately them go the natural way with the bread cathedral could boast. It was of severest architectural plainings its walls only instead of disgustedly pinching them out with their enveloping crumbs and hiding them under his plate rim. That would indeed be a penance of antique robustness worthy of Spain in Inquisition days, for every black dot is a flea, as recognizable in its minute anatomy and articulation as flies in amber. It is an open question whether the sweet, light, well-baked bread which is so creditable to Havana bakeries could pos- inner ranks, to convert the nave into a triple arcade of the splendid plumes. Next sibly be made entirely without the wicked | the sisters had profusely starred all the deep flea, which no Cuban pursueth, since in the daintiest private housekeeping of the island pestiferous insects make life a burden, swarming the beds, the wardrobes, the canethe marble floors. Every carriage, car or other public vehicle is literally alive with them; and one invariably returns from a dergarments. It is taken so much a matter of course, this pest of fleas, that nobody wonders when the person to whom he is talking suddenly retires for a private hant or smiles to see the priest in the pulpit reach down to scratch a leg in the midst of prayer or exhortation.

FASTING NO PENANCE. As for abstinence days in Cuba, the most

And he told of a sleepless night.

Of his grief and pain, and his face looked so carnivorous of mortals could have nothing to complain of where the encircling seas are swarming with an infinite variety of the very best fish in the world. Havana's superb fish market-built by the half pirate, half smuggler and whole scoundrel, Martiis worth to the bon vivant, the naturalist and the artist taking a long voyage merely to look at. But on Palm Sunday women, at least, may realize that Lent is a penitential season. Think of being compelled to kneel

on a hard stone floor three hours at a The stocks, the pillory and the iron virgin were as nothing to this plous While some seats are owned by the privileged few, there are no pews in Cuban churches, nor chairs and kneeling benches for hire, as in Europe. The swellest thing for ladies to the manor born is to have a footman, or small black page in gorgeous livery, to carry a "prayer carpet" and spread it wherever he can find room on the church floor, and then, when the soft knees of his mistress are crooked upon it, to drop on one corner behind her for his It Very Often Presents a Scene of own devotions. The men of the congregation stand throughout the services, leaning against the walls in solid phalanx, taking things easy after the manner of the lazy sex, expecting to get into heaven on the merits of their daughters, wives and moth- that a quarrel begins to become serious one ers. The women, however, instead of rising to the feet at intervals, as in other countries, keep right on kneeling, from start to | to present his formal accusation at the yafinish, regardless of bodily torture, reliev-In a few minutes the foreigner wobbles

than a decorous church communicant. The Palm Sunday gospel, when read, is | would be no case at all for nine-tenths of To kneel continuously throughout the performance, without the slightest ex- 70 to 95 per cent. of fiction. The plaintiff ternal support, is to the novice an experi- does this as routine practice. So does the ence which for painfulness throws far in the shade a walking tour to Mecca, with | to feel in a good humor he calls up the case, the dryest of peas in the tightest of shoes. | or quite as likely he does so when he is in Instead of the sprigs of box or hemlock, used ir colder countries, whose leaves scat- | side, and not infrequently for both. The ter themselves broadcast before one can get | first part of a Chinese trial is likely to be the blessed branches home, veritable palm leaves are, of course, distributed here, such as marked the Savior's entrance into Jeruvents, are wonderfully ingenious in plaiting the flexible palm leaves. Besides the long branches blessed by the priest and brought from the church, which all the rest of the year remain twined in window-bars "for like the Druids' mistletoc, it is the in to make little baskets, crosses. necklaces, bracelets and other pretty trifles of palm, have them duly blessed by some accommodating priest and distribute them

SOLEMN OBSERVANCE. On Maundy Thursday morning the whole are furled, bands cease to play, not a bell rings, not a carriage is permitted to traverse a street within the city walls. On Good Friday only business or work, public or private, of the most imperative need, is lying dead. Ladies wear sombre black, disserved in the twenty-four hours, and that when he has a more convenient season. at midday, of bread, rice and bacalao. The latter is codfish, but so compounded with oil and saffron, tomatoes and peppers that a Nantucketer would fall to recognize his own. At twilight, images of the dead Christ, Mary Magdalene, together with the instruments of His passion, are borne through the streets, at the head of a vast following of clergy, religious orders, confraternities, charitable associations and the general public. During the last decade these time-honored customs have been somewhat on the wane in the more cosmopolitan capital, and in this year of American occupation were comparatively omitted, but are still in full force in other parts of the island. Then comes Holy Saturday, the blessed pause and lull of emotion that prevails in all Christian countries, Protestant or Catholic-the loosening of the strain of weeks, the resting from the gloom of the latest days in the sure knowledge that a glad time, the great day the Lord hath made, is only a few hours

At sunrise on Easter morning comes another triumphal procession. The risen Christ is borne from the cathedral toward the old church of Santa Catalina, and is met on the way by a procession from the latter, bearing St. Mary Magdalene seeking her Master. At the moment of meeting a salute is fired, on the instant cannon boom, drums heat, trumpets blare, the hushed church bells clamor again, flags are flung out from the harbor forts, towers and housetops, from government buildings and ships in the bay; carriages dash unchallenged through the city gates, the orb of day rises glorious at the office," etc. from the sea, and the Son of Righteousness, too, is risen, having conquered the grave | the two nearest, "It won't take me a min- flerce. It embraces details, prices, colors,

for the whole human race. High mass in any of Havana's twenty churches is a thing to be long remembered, and a military mass in the cathedral is startlingly impressive. The old building itself is very quaint and interesting, antique
Spanish in architecture, its stones moss
grown and its interior as religiously dim as

And then he added:

vestments, gold and silver candelabra, altar quipments and sacred vessels; but there is iso too much of the tawdriness and bedizenment so dear to ignorant taste and especially dear to the religious heart of Spanish-America. As everybody knows, the ashes of Christopher Columbus revosed in this church through two long centuries, and above his tomb hung the rusty chains with which his ungrateful master bound him. The departing Spaniards should not have been permitted to carry these sacred relics away from Cuba, but they did so unhindred by their American conquerors, and the fresh plaster around the recently-displaced stone that closed the vault tells of empti-

EASTER MAGNIFICENCE. On Easter morning the finest treasures of the sacristy are brought forth to drape the altars and glitter in the floods of waxen light. Jewels sparkle amid the gold embroideries of the white vestments of ecclesiastics within the altar rail, and a crowd scene. The other soldlers stand in a body near the middle of the church. Around them kneels a motley gathering-ladies of high degree with their children, poor reconcentrado women, negro servants, gayly bedecked courtesans, handsome bronze women from the Canary islands in gorgeous petticoats and chemises, a stately countess in Lyons satin and a Barcelona mantilla, worth its weight in gold, beside a beggar in filthy rags; a somewhat worldly looking canon in lacquered shoes and soutane of the most exquisite quality, crowded against a bare-footed Carmelite in his coarse brown habit, or a Franciscan Father in blue, with rope girdle. Very continental sounds the Very elaborate is the crossing. In stead of the simple "In Nomine Patris, etc., touching forehead, breast and should ers-here forehead, mouth and heart are severally blessed and then the thumb and forefinger make a cross, which is kissed. At soldiers bend stiffly. Then a long, still pause-another tap upon the drum-the soldiers straighten themselves and the swords

Coming out of church one has to run the cauntlet of a crowd of mendicarts at the loor-men, women and children of culminating degrees of poverty and dreadful varieties of bodily misery. Nobody of Cuban ever treats these poor creatures harshly. Many of the ladies never go abroad without wearing velvet bags on their arms filled with small coins and paper scrip for the beggars' benefit. On Easter morning the giving is unusually generous-for who should good tidings to all mankind! A refusal is always couched in a gentle "Va con Dios" (Go with God), which sounds like a benecase, but it is very sweet and winning. tle chapel that is the heart of a convent and architectural plainness, its walls only whitened, with no pictures or niches or side chapels and not a pane of stained glass in the windows. Indeed the windows were merely great gaps in the walls, set from top | Indeed, they are so regarded by others, and to bottom with iron bars faced with clumsy wooden shutters. The sisters, who longed to make the place beautiful for the greatest | Church" have any especial reason for sociafiesta of the year, had found a way as in-expensive as effective. Enormous branches of the royal palm had been cut and these were ranged along the walls and in two lustrous greenness of the arcades with it she is more than likely to tell a good clusters of rose-pink oleanders, tied among the slender ribbons of the palm leaves. An exquisite altar, that looked like many-jetted fountain of flowers and ights, even the bobeches of the candlesticks being made of leaves and blossomsclosed the lovely vista. Nuns in their sombre garments were kneeling in their stalls along the sides; and as I looked their pupils filed in to vesper-a double line of young Cuban gilrs in white gowns and white veils, marching slowly down the central aisles to bend

of youthful loveliness. FANNIE BRIGHAM WARD.

My Suppliant.

before the sanctuary railing: then, each

couple separating, they came down the side

aisle to their seats, making four processions

And worn in the golden light; There was much to do and to see, And I begged him to go with his load of woe-How could I know it was He?

He came to my door in the noontide. Still troubled and sorrow sore; I was resting a bit from the heat of the day, Though my toll but half was o'er: And my mind was busy with planning For the days and the months to be, And I scarce gave ear while he lingered near-How could I know it was He?

He came to my door in the evening, And craved at the table a place, And a quiet corner to lay his head And rest for a little space. The cares of the day had been many, I was tired as tired could be

And I begged him to go, and not weary me so-How could I know it was He? -Emma A. Lent, in the Advocate.

IN A CHINESE LAW COURT.

Wild Confusion.

North China Herald. For a peaceful people the Chinese appear to be a most litigious race. The moment or the other of the parties is likely to shout men. The other side threatens the same, ing the position, when flesh and bones can and while in a large percentage of cases Only a born Havanese can do it gracefully. nizes that the trouble is only temporarily good deal more like Cinderella in the ashes | presented in Chinese courts were confined to anything like the facts in the case there indeed, and thrice longer when them. Therefore, it is considered indispen sable to blend with the real grievance from a very bad humor, which bodes ill for one something like the proceedings in one of our own courts, a great deal of formality, and an apparent respect for the majesty of the law, and especially for its representative, fades into thin air. There are no lawyers to protect the clients. If there really is any aw bearing one the case in hand, no one but experts such as the yamen secretaries knows what it is. The magistrate is himself civil and criminal judge, jury, and practically the Appellate Court. There is no manner of restraint upon him in his mode

of asking questions, in the subject of his inquiries or in his treatment of the principals or witnesses. The greater part of the city goes into mourning and silence. Flags | matter brought into a Chinese lawsuit would be entirely ruled out of any British court as totally irrelevant to the main issue. But in a Chinese case there often is no main issue, or issue of any kind, except the impatient shout of the official: "Get out with you!" (hsia-chu la), whereupon all the parties retire, and not improbably not one of them has the smallest idea where the case has now got to. Neither, perhaps, has the magistrate, but for the time he has had enough of it, and wants to smoke a pipe or two of opium, and will hear them again But before the case has been dismissed the respective parties have by no means Each of them has told falsehoods enough to shock a company prospectusmaker, and as each party delivers himself his sorrowing mother, of St. John and of these fabrications the other finds it impossible to restrain himself, and hoarsely brawls: "That is a lie!" To this it is necessary to reply, which is done with a volubility greatly in contrast to the quiet of the preliminary stages, when each replied in a few monosyllables only. From ejaculatory interruptions giving the other party the lie. it is but a stage to angry colloquies of some length, in which each party struggles to be heard, each reviles the other vociferously. and neither party is interrupted or reproved by the magistrate, who is now engaged the process of making up his mind on the basis of what he sees and hears as to which side has the most of li, or reason. In the worst stages of a case it often happens that the magistrate himself does the reviling. and, Chinese human nature being what it i it also sometimes occurs that the worsted

severely for so doing, and then decide the case against them One of the Remarkable Cases.

party in the suit reviles the magistrate, al-

though this is rash, for he may beat them

He began after the usual form, to wit: "I have a little boy at home who-They interrupted him after much the usual

"Pardon me, old man; I must be going "Sorry I can't wait, but I'm due "Just a minute," he urged, buttonholing

sighed and resigned themselves. "All I want to say," he went on, "is that a bright thing in his life.

FEMININE READERS

THE SUPERFLUOUS THINGS THAT ADD TO THE BURDEN OF LIFE.

A Question as to the Duty of the Bereaved-Women Who Know Little of Public Affairs-Odds and Ends.

What does it cost you to live? asks Elia W. Peattie, in Self-Culture, More than it ought, no doubt, and more than you wish it did, though it is probable that most of you congratulate yourselves on being singularly good managers. But which one of you could care for yourself, your sister, and two children, on \$5 a month? There is a woman living in a certain little village who does this very thing. Nor does she live in squalor, nor is she held in pitying contempt. Not at all. The people of her village say: "Ann Saunders is quite a manager. Yes, 'em, so she is. Very nice ladies, Ann Saunders and her sister. Yes, they come of good family. We all set store by Miss Ann Saunders.' She lives beyond the other houses in the village in a log cabin which someone else had deserted. It is a fairly comfortable cabin, large enough to accommodate two beds, two tables, and a number of chairs, without being crowded. The chairs are split-bottomed and quite comfortable. The cabin is heated by a large fireplace at which the cooking is done. These ladies-for so their antecedents and their own manners and lives entitle them to be called-understand the use of the spit, and can dress a chicken before the fire in a most delicous manner. They also understand the art of roasting potatoes to perfection. They can make that most desirable sort of corn cakes which is cooked in the ashes, and they know how to make a commendable cup of coffee. They say they have known what it is to be hungry. They have a wood pile at the rear of their house, a shoulder of bacon hanging from the rafters, and their chickens cluck about the grass. taking in sewing. The other sister is "af-Later on Easter Sunday I went into a lit- flicted," as all the neighbors say, which in this case means that she has club feet. They dress in calico, costing 5 cents a yard, but which comes in pretty patterns. They are always tidy and neat, and regard themselves as important members of the community. when the "ladies of the Presbyterian bility, Ann Saunders and her sister are considered. The ladies call upon them, and these calls are returned. It takes about a minute to make a fine cup of tea before a "fat pine" fire, and as Ann Saunders serves story. There is no thought of discontent in the cabin. There appears to be no especial consciousness of poverty. Both of the women are much absorbed in the two little boys. They are also interested in the families for which they do sewing; and they have ideas about "expansion" and other national ques-

anything, live within their income, and are not bothered with superfluous things. It is the superfluous things that really make life difficult. They are the things we run in debt for, usually, and the things we overwork to get and worry about after they are ours. It is the care of these things that makes us nervous and worn. A lady with a beautiful home said last Christmas: "Please do not give me anything that will make existence any more complicated than it is at present. I really am at a loss trying to remember what all the conveniences with which I am supplied are for, and a good part of my income goes in paying people to take care of the things I do not need." Yet, in spite of her request, her dressing-table was still further littered with silver knickknacks, her shelves were overcrowded with bric-a-brac, and her sideboard burdened with articles for which she could have only a remote use. She is not a wealthy woman, nor are her friends wealthy. She represents the average well to do woman of taste, living on a moderate income. Yet she sees her servats polishing and burnishing and rearranging the articles, which so far from adding to her happiness, really cumber her. There has been a marked increase in the luxuries of life in America the last few years, and the people, pleased with their elegant toys, have

not yet acquired the moral courage to forego them. To acquire and yet acquire is their instinct, and thus they cheat themselves of leisure and peace and simplicity.

Not that one would for a moment suggest that a bare home is more desirable than a decorated one. But a home in which each article is either useful or beautiful, or both, would of a surety be a desirable thing.

The Ethics of Mourning.

New York Evening Post. When our beloved go a little way, across the sea, perhaps; when they are absent for down she takes gruel and possets. Just at a time, a year or two it may be, how do we "I will go to the city!"-that is speak of them; how do we feel towards what they loved and purposed? Do we drop their names from the general family that would make the average American endure no more, by settling back upon the heels in a kind of capital "Z" attitude. execution of the menace, everyone recogOnly a born Havanese can do it gracefully. nizes that the trouble is only temporarily that would make the w patched up and may break out in an aggra- of love towards them to live a life against sideways in a demoralized heap and feels a vated form at any time. If the accusations which they would vehemently protest, and abruptly put an end to what they fostered

eternal, cause us to do these things? If the fast; another glass at about 11 o'clock in defendant. When the magistrate happens life which has ended has been that of a the forenoon, and a third upon going to bed. playfellow and a dark day a misfortune, is it not rational and fitting that the light it loved, the cheerful things it enjoyed most, should be conserved in memory of its ra-

I knew a mother who had held close t her devoted heart a little child blind from his birth; when the beautiful sightless eyes closed in death she dressed herself in white and kept tears from off her cheeks. In the great peradventure which her soul held to be truth, it might be that her boy could see his mother; if, happily, this should be so, his spiritual eyes must see her looking lovely and lovable. His mother must look sweet to him. Faithful and faithless can surely see the beautiful reality of perfect love in this; let us live for our dead such lives as would gladden them on either side the veil, and be, even as regards the little things of everyday existence (such as the clothes we wear, the smile with which we cheer our neighbor or our friend), as nearly as we may what would have pleased them

When the head and pillar of the house is removed from his place and the wife's name is changed to that saddest title borne by woman, widow, the truest honor to his life is surely to let his law rule in the household he built up. If his has been a cordial, hospitable reign, glad to welcome stranger and friend, and his voice been of good cheer let him still dwell under his own roof in the presence of these qualities. If his genial spirit, his cheering views of life's problems have lifted men out of "the slough of lactic against foreboding fear do not shut out his influence from his home, but let it be a monument to his lovable nature. So he desired it to be, so let it be. Downcast eyes and silence at his board and closed doors and neglect of festival observance were abhorrent to him; let her with whom he shared his rule see that his spirit and his will are present as long as she can order the methods by which his home is governed. Let it be her joyful pleasure to nurse and keep alive every trace of his personality and be herself his memorial among men and to his children. Can grief be healed by subverting all the course of a good man's life, and darkening his home, and disregarding all the order of his noble

grim and destroying majesty by the force of love so strong that it loses itself in the persons beloved and does not need to see and hear and touch in order to live for them; that orders its daily walk in noble calmness and outgiving good will to man; that dwells in the sunshine and radiates warmth because of its supreme devotion to the unseen life, and is in unison, so far as shadow can accompany light, with the measureless happiness it believes the departed to enjoy.

What a Man Says. New York Commercial Advertiser.

An observant man says that the women who shop all have the same expression. It is a welrd look, worried and far away, but cuts, shapes, flowers and feathers in one glance. It is a look that appraises and dehave a little boy at home who never said | cides. The fabric, garment or hat that can face that look without wilting deserves admiration and respect. The bonnet that can return that look without lowering its roses heart could wish; rich in rare paintings, "He's too small. He can't talk yet." or showing the white feather is worth any

price, whether it comes from Sixth avenue or the Rue de la Paix. Even the meek, mild mer zephyr looks fiery and forbidding when she is prowling around a shop, selecting, calculating and doing mental arithmetic. There is an intense detachment about her. an intense concentration, that renders her for the moment almost great, no matter how little and inoffensive she may be on ordinary occasions. She may be the lamb at home, but she is the lion of the shop. The passion of shopping clothes her with lignity and wraps her in celestial fire. She runs against you full tilt, but frequently does not see you. She treads on your toes, jabs you in the ribs with her elbow, pushes you out of your place at a counter and swings the doors in your face. She doesn't mean it. She is oblivious of you. She netther sees nor hears nor thinks of you. You are only a man; you are for afternoon or

Colonel Cody on the Sex Problem. New York Eevening Sun.

The following speaks for itself. It is clipped from Buffalo Bill's new programme, and it is interesting as showing the enterprise of Sorosis. Special attention is called to the purity of Mr. Cody's English: "Do you believe that women should have

the same liberty and privileges that men have?" was the leading question put by a prominent member of Sorosis to Colonel Cody. Here is his reply;

"Most assuredly I do. I've already said they should be allowed to vote. Why, of course, if a woman is out earning her living she keeps up with what is going on in the world, and she knows the best man to vote for. Men have their clubs, and I say let the women have theirs, too. Women are so much better than we are that they don' take to our kind of clubs, but if they want to meet and discuss financial questions, poltics, or any other subject, let 'em do it and don't laugh at them for doing it. They discuss things just as sensibly as the men do, I'm sure, and I reckon know just as much about the topics of the day. One thing gets me. You take a single woman earning her living in the city and the average man looks at her suspiciously if he hears that she lives alone. That makes me tired. A woman who is capable of financiering for herself is capable of taking care of her morals, and, if she wants to take an apartment and live alone, where she can do her work more quietly, or have things her own way when she comes from business. she has just as much right to do so as a bachelor. If a woman is a good woman she will remain good alone; if she is bad, being surrounded and overlooked, and watched and guarded, and chaperoned by 100 old women in a boarding house won't make her good. This applies to society women as well as to working women. There are bad women in every walk of life, but most they have. Let them do any kind of work they see fit, and if they do it as well as men give them the same pay. Grant them the same privileges in their home life and club life that men have, and we will see them grow and expand into far more beautiful and womanly creatures than they are al-

Where Women Are Weak.

Extraordinary as it may be, it is nevertheless true that with all the reports which reach us every day the last part of a morning paper to which the average woman turns-the part, indeed, almost invariably skipped-is the letter from Washington in which the news of Congress is given. Some great event, some scandal or some startling denouement may arouse her into making a quick and cursory study of some conspicuous question-one deep enough to enable her to ask a question or two when her men tions. They are very peaceful, owe no man | friends are talking, but no more. The affair once settled or no longer treated with headlines, and she straightway forgets it, and all

its corelation to national affairs. With the sudden development of our country into a great world power, and while we are still struggling to frame our new-born ideals into systems, the duty of the everyday woman to equip herself for a better understanding of what our national responsibilities are has become of paramount importance. The magazines are full of discussions of colonial policies, histories of the failures or successes of those of other nations, protests for and against our right to ing power. All of these are of great interest, and at this time of more than special interest, when they happen to be dealt with by well-equipped writers-men who have the power to make us suddenly see how simple a national policy may be and how the ideals of a nation may differ but little from those of an individual; how, indeed, they might stand for the ideals of one of its most highly developed citizens. It is too late to follow, except as the his tory of yesterday, that which was attempted and that which was accomplished by the Fifty-fifth Congress, now no more. But

To Keep Young.

certainly it would be well for us all to de-

termine to follow, step by step, the working

of that one which begins its session next

New York Commercial Adevertiser. The French woman knows a great deal about the gentle art of keeping young and comely, as well as the art of preserving her health. She believes in herb teas-usually the only sort of tea she drinks-and spring doses and diets. When she is thin and run this season she eats a great deal of spinach because it contains iron, and she devours dishes of green salads such as watercress, dandelion, monk's beard, chiccory and sorrel If she is thin and pale the French woman drinks gruel. This is how she makes it: Take a pound of catmeal and a pound of barley flour; boil with about three quarts of water and four or five apples cut in slices; let it boil until reduced to about half the original quantity, and add sugar to taste. To follow the French regimen, drink a gio of gruel on awakening, as early as possible so as not to spoil one's appetite for break-

Result-an "embonpoint raisonnable. Odds and Ends.

It is said that if the edges of carpets are saturated with alum-water, it will effectually destroy moths. If the floor is unpainted it is always well to take the precaution of washing up with a solution of alum before laying the carpet. The same liquid is also an excellent remedy for black ants.

It is worth remembering that when brasses have been rubbed to a high state of polish they may be rushed over with a little brass lacquer or shellac that can be had at any varnish store. In this way their fine condition will be preserved indefinitely and much toilsome work obviated. To purify a room set a pitcher of water in

the apartment, and in a few hours it will have absorbed all the respired gases in the room. The capacity for purifying is nearly doubled if the water is reduced to the temperature of ice; hence, very cold water that has stood in a room for some little time is Many of the newest yokes, guimpes and blouse fronts to wear under basque bodices

are made with minute tucks across the yoke or guimpe, a style very becoming to slender forms, but by no means favorable to those needing nothing to accenuate width. Horizontal trimmings are the most popular, but they are best suited to tall, slender women. It is the opinion of Miss Parloa that all the main appliances of the kitchen should be within a space of ten feet square. This is stated after careful investigation of some of the causes which make housework in French homes less burdensome than anywhere else. It is often true that the large, airy, spacious kitchens, which are dear alike to the heart of the maid and mistress, are really most undesirable. If the cook should wear a pedometer for a week the distance she walks in the performance of her round of duties would surprise and

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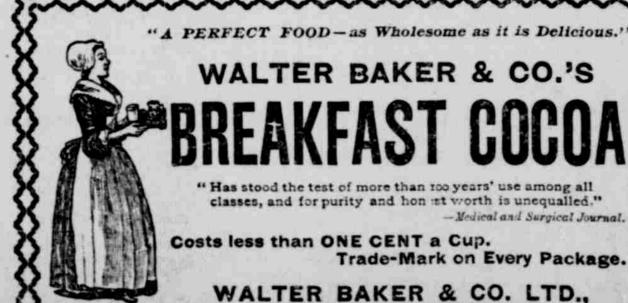
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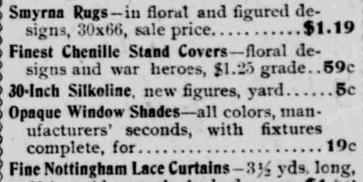
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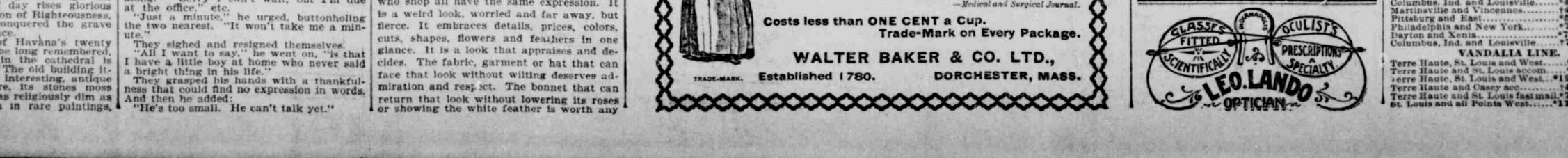
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